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Part V—New Cases on Prize Law Added by the Japanese Prize Courts.

A complete diary of the war and the text of the treaty of peace are included with other interesting matter in the appendices.

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A TREATISE ON THE LAW GOVERNING INDICTMENTS. By Howard C. Joyce. Albany, N. Y.: Matthew Binder & Co. 1908. Pp. xcii, 916.

Although the subject of the proper drafting and presentation of indictments is one of great difficulty, except in the simplest cases, no adequate treatment of the extremely technical questions involved has hitherto been presented to the public. In Mr. Joyce's volume is now to be found a thorough, systematic and accurate discussion not only of the problems of technique involved in the actual preparation of the instrument, but also of the broader questions relating to the scope of the powers and the limits of the jurisdiction of the grand jury, the interpretation of the phrases "due process of law," "infamous crimes," etc. The dominant characteristics of the book are the accuracy of statement of the existing law and the clearness of the language used, rather than any marked originality of treatment or evidence of scholastic investigation of basic theoretical principles. However the volume does not purport to be a comprehensive philosophical treatise, and Mr. Joyce has in it given to the profession another book of great practical usefulness.

One feature is deserving of special mention and commendation. As an appendix is added a collection of well-chosen and appropriate forms with a novel, but most desirable addition: *i. e.*, a reference to the report of the exact case where the particular form was used and sustained by the test of actual experience.

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